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TITLE OF CASE CHANGED ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI; J. W. HARRISON		Report made by [REDACTED]	Typed By: RKL: bam
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Synopsis:

The Title of this case has been marked CHANGED to add the name J. W. HARRISON as a subject since BALLETTI claims this was the name of the individual accompanying him in Las Vegas, Nevada.

REFERENCES: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/19/60,
at Salt Lake City.
Bureau airtel dated 12/8/60.
Miami airtel to the Bureau dated 12/14/60.
Miami airtel to Salt Lake City dated 12/16/60.
Salt Lake City teletype to Miami dated 12/17/60.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Since the Miami Office has furnished the Salt Lake City Office a photograph of FRED T. HARRIS for display at the Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, the Miami Office is not interviewing HARRIS pending the results of this display.

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Report of:
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[REDACTED] Office: Miami, Florida

December 23, 1960

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Title:

ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI;
J. W. HARRISON

Character:

UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION AND USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Synopsis: EDWARD L. DU-BOIS, Jr., Operator, Investigations, Inc., and employer of ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, says he sent BALLETTI to Las Vegas, Nev., for physical surveillance work at the request of ROBERT MAHEU, a private investigator of Washington, D. C. Says purpose of surveillance and identity of MAHEU's client unknown to him. He claims FRED T. HARRIS, another employee, did not go to Las Vegas; that BALLETTI was accompanied by one J. W. HARRISON, who was hired by MAHEU. BALLETTI denies monitoring any phone conversations and claims to know nothing of HARRISON's background. Says Las Vegas authorities mistakenly assumed HARRISON was FRED T. HARRIS.

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DETAILS: At Miami, Florida

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EDWARD L. DU BOIS, Jr., was interviewed at Room 412 of the Ainsley Building. This is the Office of an organization known as Investigations, Incorporated, of which DU BOIS is the Director. DU BOIS at the outset of the interview was advised that any information he might give must be in a free and voluntary manner; that he had the right to consult an attorney; that he need not make any statement and any statement he might make could be used against him in a court of law.

DU BOIS said that from time to time in his work as a private investigator, he had handled certain matters for a ROBERT MAHEU, who operates a private investigations organization in Washington, D. C. DU BOIS said in his opinion, MAHEU is a fabulous character who travels extensively and who appears to have a very prosperous business. He said MAHEU's operations often smack of the "cloak and dagger" type of affair and that MAHEU is very close mouthed. He said it was his understanding that MAHEU is now closely associated with HOWARD HUGHES and in addition to offices in Washington, D. C., also maintains offices in Los Angeles, California. DU BOIS stated it is his information that MAHEU has an office at 1125 19th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C. He said he knows of no address for MAHEU in Los Angeles, but believes he can be reached in Los Angeles at telephone CR 1-8770. He said MAHEU's principle assistant is one WALTER FITZPATRICK, with whom he has also had dealings.

DU BOIS said on October 25, 1960, he received a telephone call from FITZPATRICK in Washington, D. C., asking him to send two men to Las Vegas, Nevada, right away for physical surveillance work. He said FITZPATRICK gave him no further information, did not identify the subject, the purpose of the surveillance, nor the client. DU BOIS said he and his employee ARTHUR JAMES BALLETI were already scheduled to go to New York for some work and DU BOIS therefore purchased round trip tickets to Las Vegas in the names of FRED T. HARRIS and RICK HUNTER, both of whom are employed by Investigations, Incorporated. DU BOIS said that subsequently, he received another call, this being from

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by <u>SAS [redacted]</u>		Date dictated <u>12/19/60</u>

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ROBERT MAHEU in Los Angeles. MAHEU instructed DU BOIS to send only one man to Las Vegas and informed him that he had hired one J. W. HARRISON to accompany whoever DU BOIS sent. He said the arrangement was that HARRISON would wait for DU BOIS's man at the Information Counter, Eastern Airlines, Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida. DU BOIS said he then changed his plans and decided to send BALLETI to Las Vegas and did so on October 26, 1960. He said BALLETI took with him the tickets in the names of HARRIS and HUNTER and these were used by BALLETI and HARRISON. DU BOIS said that HARRISON is completely unknown to him and he has never met him. He vigorously denied that HARRIS had gone to Las Vegas with BALLETI.

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DU BOIS said he then went on to New York and the next thing he knew of BALLETI was when BALLETI phoned Miami that he had been arrested in Las Vegas as a result of a wire tap. DU BOIS said that BALLETI had been hired strictly for a physical surveillance and the only piece of equipment he had taken to Las Vegas was a Minifon. DU BOIS said he has never been advised of the purpose of this surveillance at Las Vegas but always assumed that it had something to do with HOWARD HUGHES. He said this was simply an assumption on his part because he believes that MAHEU and HUGHES are rather closely associated. DU BOIS said he has never heard of an individual named SAM GIANCANA.

DU BOIS advised he did not desire to furnish any written statement.

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ARTHUR JAMES BALLETI was interviewed at Room 412, Ainsley Building, where he is employed by Investigations, Incorporated. BALLETI was advised that any information he might give must be in a free and voluntary manner; that he had the right to consult an attorney; that he need not make a statement and if he did so it could be used against him in a court of law.

BALLETI was advised this interview was concerning his activities in Las Vegas, Nevada, in the latter part of October, 1960. He immediately became visibly excited and extremely nervous and stated he would discuss his activities with great reluctance. He said it was very probable that he would refuse to answer many questions.

BALLETI said that on October 26, 1960, he had flown from Miami, Florida, to Las Vegas, Nevada, on a physical surveillance assignment. He said he had been told to go to Las Vegas by his employer, EDWARD L. DU BOIS, Jr., and it was his understanding that while he was sent there by DU BOIS, he was actually working for some other private investigator who had requested the assistance of DU BOIS. BALLETI stated he had two round trip tickets to Las Vegas, which were in the names of FRED T. HARRIS and DICK HUNTER. He said that HARRIS and HUNTER are co-workers of his and were originally scheduled to go to Las Vegas but there had been a change in plans. BALLETI said he went to the Eastern Airlines Desk at the Miami International Airport, Miami, to meet an individual known to him as J. W. HARRISON. BALLETI said he identified HARRISON from a description previously given him. They flew together to Las Vegas and took room 333 at the Riviera Hotel. On October 28, 1960, they moved to room 331. BALLETI said that while in Las Vegas, he physically surveilled DAN ROWAN. He said HARRISON apparently put some sort of wire tap in ROWAN's room there, and monitored ROWAN's phone conversations. BALLETI said he had nothing to do with this tap, did not see it installed, and never did any monitoring. He said that on one occasion while he was downstairs playing black jack, HARRISON phoned him to

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come up to the room. When he did so, HARRISON told him that the recorder was not working and that he had overheard a conversation which he had in his head. HARRISON thereupon related the conversation to BALLETI who wrote it down on a scratch pad.

BALLETI said he was never informed of the purpose of this surveillance. He strongly denied that he was accompanied to Las Vegas by FRED T. HARRIS. He said that HARRISON had used the ticket in the name of HARRIS and for this reason the police in Las Vegas apparently assumed that HARRISON was HARRIS. BALLETI said he never informed the police any different than this and simply told them that his companion was traveling under the name of FRED T. HARRIS. BALLETI said that HARRISON seldom engaged in any conversation with him and never told him anything of his background nor who had hired him. BALLETI described HARRISON as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	50 years
Height	5'10"
Weight	200 lbs.
Hair	Grey, balding

He said HARRISON left Las Vegas before BALLETI was arrested on October 31, 1960. BALLETI said he could not comment on the electronic equipment found in his room, but said he had taken only a Minifon to Las Vegas. BALLETI furnished the following information concerning himself:

Residence	1420 E. W. 91st Avenue
Unlisted phone	54 1-1992
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	1/7/32, at New York City, N.Y.
Height	5'11"
Weight	175 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Education	High school
Occupation	Private investigator (About 5 yrs. experience)
Marital status	Married

BALLETI said he did not desire to furnish a written statement.

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On December 13, 1960, [REDACTED] Occupational License Bureau, Dade County, Florida, advised that all private investigators in Dade County and Miami, must be registered with his organization and have a license. He said he has no record of any J. W. HARRISON.